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In re Patent Application of:

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## RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

MS Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

## **INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action dated November 15, 2004, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of the paper

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.